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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled)

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 927, wherein the emigration device ~~is provided with~~~~comprises~~ at least one side support element being independent of the rearing device and projecting from a top portion of ~~at the base of the emigration device and extending essentially parallel to at least a portion of the central cut-elongated conduit member~~ of the rearing device.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 10, wherein the at least one side support element is formed by a rod element.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 10, wherein the at least one side support element is formed by an element forming a wall of the rearing device.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn) An emigration device in accordance with claim 12, characterized in that the element forming a wall is provided with a plurality of perforations.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 10, wherein the emigration device ~~is provided with~~~~comprises~~ a mounting element fixed to the base for the securing of the rearing device to the emigration device.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 14, wherein the mounting element is arranged to extend up through a portion of the ~~cut-out of the rearing section~~~~conduit member~~, and comprising a clamping device which is adjustably connected to the mounting body, being arranged to exert a force against a portion of the rearing device.

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Claim 16 (Withdrawn) An emigration device in accordance with claim 9, characterized in that the emigration device is provided with a flexible element to provide a channel between the base and the cut-out of the rearing device, and that a buoyancy element which is connected to a portion of the rearing device, is positioned above the rearing device.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 927, wherein outlet openings of the emigration device are provided with a protective device providing protection for the crustacea juveniles as they leave the emigration device.

Claim 18 (Cancelled)

Claim 19 (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 9, Apparatus for raising, transporting and releasing crustacea, the apparatus comprising:

an emigration device to be placed on a sea bed and a rearing device, the emigration device being arranged for engagement with the rearing device, and the emigration device being arranged to be placed between the sea bed and the rearing device, wherein the emigration device comprises at least one cut-out which arranges for crustacea to migrate from a portion of a second, essentially central cut-out in the rearing device onto the sea bed;

wherein the rearing device is formed by at least one tray, the tray being provided with an essentially centrally located cut-out, and the peripheral end portion of the tray being provided with a wall element which is arranged to prevent the passage of crustacea juveniles out of the external side portion of the rearing device, and the upper one of the tray being provided with a top element, and there being placed in a boundary portion between the tray and the cut-out a blocking element arranged to prevent undesired passing of crustacea juveniles between the tray and the central cut-out, wherein the blocking element is arranged to adopt, in a selective manner, a first position or a second position, the blocking element presenting, in the first position, a barrier against crustacea migration between the at least one tray and the cut-out, and presenting, in the second position, a passage for the migration of crustacea between said at least one tray and the cut-out.

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Claim 20 (Previously Presented) An apparatus in accordance with claim 19, wherein the blocking element is formed by a perforated element arranged to allow feed to pass from the cut-out onto the at least one tray.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented) An apparatus in accordance with claim 19, wherein the blocking element is formed by a tubular element which is provided with cut-outs which are arranged to correspond selectively with at least one recess located in a separating element arranged to form a wall portion between the tray and the cut-out.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented) An apparatus in accordance with claim 19, wherein the at least one tray is arranged to receive a number of crustacea juveniles which can move freely on the entire surface of the at least one tray defined by the wall element and the blocking element.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented) An apparatus in accordance with claim 19, wherein the at least one tray is provided with a number of substrata which are arranged, at least in the position of use, to form at least one cavity into or out of which crustacea juveniles can move.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented) An apparatus in accordance with claim 23, wherein the number of substrata for forming cavities are essentially adapted for the number of crustacea juveniles to be raised on each one of the at least one tray, so that each crustacea juvenile preferably has a cavity to itself.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented) An apparatus in accordance with claim 19, wherein the wall element is formed by an element permeable to water.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented) An apparatus in accordance with claim 19, wherein the essentially central cut-out is arranged to receive a feeding device.

Claim 27 (New) Apparatus for raising, transporting and releasing crustacea, the apparatus comprising:

a rearing device;

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an emigration device engaging with the rearing device between a seabed and the rearing device; and

an elongated conduit member extending through the rearing device to the emigration device, wherein a first cut-out is formed radially into the conduit member at a location that allows for migration of crustacea radially inwardly from the rearing device into the conduit;

wherein the emigration device defines a second cut-out at a location that allows for migration of crustacea from the conduit onto the seabed.

Claim 28 (New) An apparatus in accordance with claim 27, wherein the elongated conduit member centrally extends through the rearing device.